

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 55 public bills, H.R. 2000–2054; and 7 resolutions, H.J. Res. 66; H. Con. Res. 56; and H. Res. 280, 282–285 were introduced. **Pages H3753–56**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H3758–59**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1425, to reauthorize and improve the SBIR and STTR programs, and for other purposes, with an amendment (Rept. 112–90 Pt. 1);

H.R. 2017, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–91); and

H. Res. 281, providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the bill (S. 990) to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–92). **Page H3753**

National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012: The House passed H.R. 1540, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2012 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction and to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2012, by a recorded vote of 322 ayes to 96 noes, Roll No. 375. Consideration of the measure began on Tuesday, May 24th. **Pages H3687–H3737**

Rejected the Schrader motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Armed Services with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 185 ayes to 233 noes, Roll No. 374. **Pages H3735–37**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2012 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.”. **Page H3737**

Agreed to:

Inslee amendment (No. 110 printed in H. Rept. 112–88) that gives the Department of Defense the authority to provide severely wounded or seriously ill service members, who remain on active duty, with a broad range of rehabilitative equipment including recreational sports equipment that must be specially customized to meet the needs of the service member; **Pages H3687–88**

Runyan amendment (No. 134 printed in H. Rept. 112–88) that requires that the Secretary of Defense establish goals for competition in contracts for the procurement of property or services to be used outside the United States in support of a contingency operation and requires that processes be developed to measure and monitor such competition, including task order categories for services, construction, and supplies; **Pages H3690–91**

Thompson (PA) amendment (No. 141 printed in H. Rept. 112–88) that expands the Department of Defense state licensure exception to qualified and credentialed DOD healthcare professionals, including contractors and civilians, and removes the location requirement to better allow our Guard and Reserve access to immediate and efficient care; **Page H3691**

McKeon en bloc amendment No. 3 that consists of the following amendments printed in H. Rept. 112–88: Petri amendment (No. 70) that clarifies that direct use solar energy technology is considered a renewable energy source for the purposes of the requirement that DOD obtain 25% of its facility energy from renewable sources by 2025; Akin amendment (No. 74) that adds a Sense of Congress supporting the establishment of long-term contracting authority for the DOD for procurement of alternative fuels; Boustany amendment (No. 85) that requires the Administration to submit to the appropriate committees an implementation plan for achieving the President’s “whole-of-government” integration vision and an annual update on the implementation plan; Carnahan amendment (No. 86) that withholds the use of 25 percent of funds authorized for the Afghanistan Security Forces Fund; Coffman amendment (No. 87) that requires the Secretary of Defense to submit a report to the congressional defense committees on the feasibility and desirability of recycling rare earth elements used by the DoD; Coffman amendment (No. 88) that requires the Secretary of Defense to submit a report to the congressional defense committees on methods to increase the efficiency of the tuition assistance program; Connolly amendment (No. 90) that directs the Secretary of Defense to submit a report to Congress after 180 days on the estimated cost of expanding the Homeowners Assistance Program to various servicemembers who currently are not eligible under the Permanent Change of Station category; Connolly amendment (No. 91) that improves the performance of the Federal Acquisition Institute; Connolly amendment (No. 92) that improves federal internship programs through better management and intern recruitment; Connolly amendment (No. 93) that

takes fuel costs into account during the procurement process for tents and other structures; Carson amendment (No. 94) that amends the Department of Defense pre-separation counseling program to provide discharging service members and their spouses with financial and job placement counseling; Courtney amendment (No. 95) that transfers the Troops to Teachers program from the Department of Education to the Department of Defense; Dent amendment (No. 97) that requires the Secretary of Defense to conduct a study to measure the domestic capacity in accordance with the Defense Acquisition Regulations System to manufacture ship shafts and other forged components used by surface and sub-surface vessels of the U.S. Navy; Ellison amendment (No. 101) that requires the Secretary of Defense to update the Congressional defense committees on the United States military strategy in Afghanistan in light of the death of Osama Bin Laden; Flake amendment (No. 102) that requires that the DoD make public any written communications from Congress recommending that funds specified in Division D be directed towards a particular project; Flake amendment (No. 103) that require the DoD to submit a report to Congress justifying the use of funds and detailing the process by which those funds were awarded, for each program element under Section 201 that received an authorization of appropriations that is more than what the President requested; Franks (AZ) amendment (No. 104) that transfers administrative jurisdiction, custody, and control of the Air Force Memorial from the Secretary of the Army to the Secretary of the Air Force; and Garamendi amendment (No. 105) that requires the National Academy of Sciences to Review of Nuclear Waste Reprocessing and Nuclear Reactor Technology;

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McKeon en bloc amendment No. 4 that consists of the following amendments printed in H. Rept. 112–88: Hanabusa amendment (No. 106) that allows those in the IRR to obtain health insurance through TRICARE for continuity of care; Hastings (WA) amendment (No. 107) that reauthorizes the Department of Energy's Office of River Protection through September 30, 2019; Hastings (FL) amendment (No. 108) that adds Sense of Congress language regarding Members of Congress obtaining a comprehensive understanding of the cultures, religions, ethnicities, geographies, histories and politics of nations in which the Armed Force are engaged; Heck amendment (No. 109) that provides DoD with the option to transition to HCFC blend fire suppressant agents to replace its current agent Halon 1211; Jackson Lee amendment (No. 112) that expresses the Sense of Congress that Post Traumatic Stress Disorder is an increasing disorder affecting returning members of the Armed Forces and access to treat-

ment for this disorder should be expanded; Kind amendment (No. 113) that allows the Secretary of Defense to enter into a special military cooperative agreement for the operation and maintenance of any State training center certified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency as capable of providing emergency response training; Kinzinger amendment (No. 114) that prohibits any funds made available by this Act from being used to research, develop, manufacture, or procure a newly designed flight suit for members of the Armed Services; Langevin amendment (No. 115) that prohibits the transfer of funds from National Defense Education Program K–12 education component; Larsen (WA) amendment (No. 116) that provides authority to the Secretary of State, with the concurrence of the Secretary of Defense, to provide assistance to foreign nations to strengthen that nation's national and regional security interests consistent with U.S. foreign policy interests and with existing law; Lee amendment (No. 117) that prohibits funding to construct permanent military bases in Iraq and Afghanistan; Lipinski amendment (No. 118) that expresses a Sense of Congress regarding the establishment of a National Korean War Museum; LoBiondo amendment (No. 119) that clarifies the SEAD/DEAD report required in Section 334 the FY2011 National Defense Authorization Act; Luetkemeyer amendment (No. 120) that directs the Secretaries of the military departments to conduct a review of military service records to determine whether certain Jewish American war veterans should be awarded the Medal of Honor; Maloney amendment (No. 121) that amends Sec. 1091 of this act to replace "Critical Infrastructure Information" in every case with "Critical Infrastructure Security Information," add a definition of Critical Infrastructure Security Information, and add a balancing test for the public interest when regarding treatment under the Freedom of Information Act; McCollum amendment (No. 122) that limits the amount spent on military musical units to \$200,000,000 in fiscal year 2012; Miller (MI) amendment (No. 123) that directs the DoD to collaborate with the Department of Homeland Security to identify technology and equipment that could be used to secure the border; Moran amendment (No. 124) that limits the number of parking spaces the Army would be permitted to use at the BRAC #133 location in Alexandria, Virginia, to 1,000; Murphy (PA) amendment (No. 125) that directs the Surgeons General of the Army, Navy, and Air Force to submit a report to Congress on whether additional behavioral health professionals are needed to treat members of the Armed Forces for PTSD and TBI; and Murphy (CT) amendment (No. 126) that requires greater transparency in the issuance of Buy American waivers;

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McKeon en bloc amendment No. 5 that consists of the following amendments printed in H. Rept. 112–88: Nugent amendment (No. 127) that expands retroactive eligibility of the Army Combat Action Badge to include members of the Army who participated in combat during which they personally engaged, or were personally engaged by, the enemy at any time on or after December 7, 1941; Pearce amendment (No. 128) that prohibits the Department of the Army from bundling contracts whose total value is more than \$1,000,000 unless certain criteria are met; Pompeo amendment (No. 129) that waives the time limitation for the award of the Medal of Honor to Father Chaplain Emil Kapaun for heroic deeds during the Korean Conflict; Pompeo amendment (No. 130) that clarifies the Medal of Honor process by requiring the Secretary of Defense, rather than the respective military service secretary, to submit the DoD recommendation to Congress; Reed (NY) amendment (No. 131) that designates TAPs as the National Song of Remembrance and prescribes procedures during the sounding of TAPs; Richardson amendment (No. 132) that expresses the sense of Congress that NORTHCOM, whose mission it is to protect the United States homeland and support local, state, and federal authorities, to develop a leadership strategy, relationships, and guidelines to work with State and Local authorities in the event of a major incident and in unforeseen circumstances; Rigell amendment (No. 133) that directs the Secretary of Defense to develop and implement a plan to address shortfalls in operational contract support requirements determination, management, oversight, and administration; Loretta Sanchez amendment (No. 135) that increases the funding for the Global Threat Reduction Initiative; Shuster amendment (No. 136) that provides a three year extension of authority to the Secretary of Defense to use acquisition and cross-servicing agreements (ACSAs) to loan certain equipment to coalition partners; Loretta Sanchez amendment (No. 137) that requires a report assessing the nuclear forces of the Russian Federations relative to the New START Treaty; Loretta Sanchez amendment (No. 138) that increases funding for the operation of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board by \$2,500,000; Smith (WA) amendment (No. 139) that requires the President to develop strategies to address a prioritized list of areas that serve or could serve as potential safe havens for al Qaeda and its violent extremist affiliates; Smith (WA) amendment (No. 140) that requires a report on Research and Treatment of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder; Thornberry amendment (No. 142) that protects private sector companies participating in the Defense Industrial Base (DIB) Active Cyber Defense Pilot Project from potential liability as an agent of the

government; Tierney amendment (No. 46) that officially recognizes the City of Salem, Massachusetts, as the birthplace of the National Guard of the United States; Tierney amendment (No. 143) that requires the DoD to submit a report to Congress assessing the manufacturing industry of the United States; Tierney amendment (No. 144) that establishes a working group to monitor the foreign police training programs, projects, and activities of the various Federal departments and agencies and coordinate and unify such programs, projects and activities under a single strategic framework; Tierney amendment (No. 145) that creates an Assistant Secretary of Defense for Contingency Contracting; Turner amendment (No. 146) that clarifies the intent of section 1055 by explicitly allowing activities determined by the Secretary of Defense to be necessary to ensure the continued safety, security, and reliability of the nuclear weapons stockpile; and Turner amendment (No. 147) that creates an additional exception allowing for the reductions, withdrawals, or consolidations of non-strategic nuclear weapons in Europe, when made pursuant to either a Treaty or authorized by an Act of Congress;

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McKeon en bloc amendment No. 6 that consists of the following amendments printed in H. Rept. 112–88: Boswell amendment (No. 18), as modified, that grants the Secretary of Defense the discretion to also use funds retained in Section 646 for substance abuse prevention programs provided to the military community surrounding the commissary store where the alcoholic and tobacco products are purchased while ensuring that the enhanced commissary stores receive necessary funds; Boswell amendment (No. 20) that requires DoD and VA to conduct a joint study on the incident rate of breast cancer of service members who have deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan under operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom; Boswell amendment (No. 84) that adds a Sense of Congress that a focus on alternative, self-sufficient energy sources that reduce costs in the long term should be part of consideration for contracts for logistics support of contingency operations; Pascrell amendment (No. 22) that requires the Department of Defense to develop a plan to transfer the Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury to one of the services in order to be most effectively managed; Pascrell amendment (No. 23) that requires the Defense Department to report to Congress on their plans to identify, refer, and treat service members with possible traumatic brain injuries who may have slipped through the cracks prior to the June 2010 policy; Davis (CA) amendment (No. 57) that fences 25% of the funds made available through the Afghanistan Infrastructure Fund until the Secretary of

Defense, in discussion with the Secretary of State, have determined that women are an integral part of the reconciliation process between the government of Afghanistan and the Taliban; Davis (CA) amendment (No. 72) that requires the Secretary of the Navy to submit a report to Congress detailing the efforts being made to establish maintenance, repair and overhaul capability for Navy unmanned aerial systems; Davis (CA) amendment (No. 96) that modifies a current GAO reporting requirement on TRICARE Standard and Extra from “bi-annual” to “biennial”; Young (IN) amendment (No. 150) that provides the Secretary of Defense with the authority to use funding to carry out a program designed to reintegrate former low-level Taliban fighters into Afghan society; Walz amendment (No. 151) that requires DOD to submit a report to Congress outlining a plan that would ensure access to the Guard and Reserves for missions short of war; and Turner amendment (No. 149) that includes a Sense of Congress that any commercial communications that interferes with the Global Positioning System (GPS) should not receive final authorization by the Federal Communications Commission until the potential interference with GPS is resolved; **Pages H3719–22**

Mica amendment (No. 38 printed in H. Rept. 112–88) that was debated on May 25th that requires that the rules of engagement allow any military service personnel assigned to duty in a designated hostile fire area to have rules of engagement that fully protects their right to proactively defend themselves from hostile actions (by a recorded vote of 260 ayes to 160 noes, Roll No. 354); **Page H3722**

Flake amendment (No. 40 printed in H. Rept. 112–88) that was debated on May 25th that repeals the establishment of the National Drug Intelligence Center (by a recorded vote of 246 ayes to 172 noes, Roll No. 355); **Pages H3722–23**

Buchanan amendment (No. 43 printed in H. Rept. 112–88) that was debated on May 25th that requires all foreign terrorists, with links to terrorist networks, who attack the United States or the Government be considered enemy combatants to be tried by military tribunals, not in the civilian court system (by a recorded vote of 246 ayes to 173 noes, Roll No. 357); **Page H3724**

Mack amendment (No. 48 printed in H. Rept. 112–88) that was debated on May 25th that makes changes to the language of the Sunken Military Craft Act of H.R. 1540, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012. Clarifies the language of the Sunken Military Craft Act to restore its original intent, and specifies that a sunken military craft would be defined as a vessel only when on military

noncommercial service when it sank (by a recorded vote of 227 ayes to 193 noes, Roll No. 359);

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Conyers amendment (No. 61 printed in H. Rept. 112–88) that was debated on May 25th that prevents funds authorized in the Act from being used to deploy, establish, or maintain the presence of Members of the Armed Forces or private security contractors on the ground in Libya unless the purpose of the presence is to rescue a Member of the Armed Forces from imminent danger (by a recorded vote of 416 ayes to 5 noes, Roll No. 366);

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Flake amendment (No. 62 printed in H. Rept. 112–88) that was debated on May 25th that eliminates funds for the Mission Force Enhancement Transfer Fund (by a recorded vote of 269 ayes to 151 noes, Roll No. 367);

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Jackson Lee (TX) amendment (No. 111 printed in H. Rept. 112–88) that designates a National Day of Honor for members of the Armed Forces who have served in Iraq, Afghanistan, and other combat areas (by a recorded vote of 419 ayes with none voting “no”, Roll No. 370);

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Turner amendment (No. 148 printed in H. Rept. 112–88) that requires a report on the cost-benefit analysis of migrating the management headquarters for the Air Force’s Enterprise Logistics System Program Executive Office (by a recorded vote of 300 ayes to 120 noes, Roll No. 371); and

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Cravaack amendment (No. 152 printed in H. Rept. 112–88) that repeals Title VXII of the Department of Defense Authorization Act, 1985, which authorized the establishment of the United States Institute of Peace (by a recorded vote of 226 ayes to 194 noes, Roll No. 372).

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Rejected:

Smith (WA) amendment (No. 42 printed in H. Rept. 112–88) that was debated on May 25th that sought to amend Section 1039 to allow transfer of detainees to the U.S. to testify in federal court. The amendment strikes language barring transfer of detainees held abroad to the U.S. and requires certification by the Attorney General prior to transfer (by a recorded vote of 165 ayes to 253 noes, Roll No. 356);

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Maloney amendment (No. 47 printed in H. Rept. 112–88) that was debated on May 25th that sought to clarify that the exemption from Freedom of Information Act for Data Files of the Military Flight Operations Quality Assurance Systems of the Military Departments is for “information contained in data files of the military flight operations quality assurance system of a military department that would reveal flight patterns or tactical techniques or tactical

procedures from disclosure under section” (by a recorded vote of 91 ayes to 329 noes, Roll No. 358);

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Langevin amendment (No. 49 printed in H. Rept. 112–88) that was debated on May 25th that sought to coordinate federal information security policy through the creation of a National Office for Cyberspace, updating information security management practices, and establishing measures for the protection of critical infrastructure from cyberattacks (by a recorded vote of 172 ayes to 246 noes, Roll No. 360);

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Amash amendment (No. 50 printed in H. Rept. 112–88) that was debated on May 25th that sought to strike section 1034 of the bill, relating to the authorization for use of military force (by a recorded vote of 187 ayes to 234 noes, Roll No. 361);

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Campbell amendment (No. 53 printed in H. Rept. 112–88) that was debated on May 25th that sought to terminate the Human, Social, and Culture Behavior (HSCB) Modeling program at the Department of Defense (by a recorded vote of 63 ayes to 354 noes, Roll No. 362);

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Campbell amendment (No. 54 printed in H. Rept. 112–88) that was debated on May 25th that sought to reduce the baseline number of civilian employees at the Department of Defense by 1% every year for the next five years (by a recorded vote of 98 ayes to 321 noes, Roll No. 363);

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Chaffetz amendment (No. 56 printed in H. Rept. 112–88) that was debated on May 25th that sought to require U.S. ground troops to withdraw from Afghanistan, leaving just those who are involved in small, targeted counter-terrorism operations. The amendment would further require the Secretary of Defense to submit a withdrawal plan to Congress within 60 days of enactment (by a recorded vote of 123 ayes to 294 noes, Roll No. 364);

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Polis amendment (No. 60 printed in H. Rept. 112–88) that was debated on May 25th that sought to reduce the amount of troops stationed in Europe to 30,000 and would cut overall end strength levels by 10,000 a year over the next five years (by a recorded vote of 96 ayes to 323 noes with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 365);

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Ellison amendment (No. 63 printed in H. Rept. 112–88) that was debated on May 25th that sought to strike section 1604, Budget Item Relating to LHA—7 Ship Program (by a recorded vote of 176 ayes to 241 noes, Roll No. 368);

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Loretta Sanchez amendment (No. 64 printed in H. Rept. 112–88) that was debated on May 25th that sought to reduce the funding for Ground-based Mid-course Defense systems by \$100,000,000 (by a re-

corded vote of 184 ayes to 234 noes, Roll No. 369); and

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McGovern amendment (No. 55 printed in H. Rept. 112–88) that sought to require: 1) A plan and timeframe on accelerated transition of military operations to Afghan authorities; 2) A plan and timeframe on negotiations leading to a political solution and reconciliation in Afghanistan; and 3) A new National Intelligence Estimate (NIE) on al-Qaeda. The amendment would clarify that nothing in this section limits the president under existing authority to go after al-Qaeda, share intelligence, or modify military strategy and tactics while redeploying U.S. forces under the plan/timeframe required above (by a recorded vote of 204 ayes to 215 noes, Roll No. 373).

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Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House.

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H. Res. 276, the rule providing for further consideration of the bill (H.R. 1540), was agreed to yesterday, May 25th.

Recess: The House recessed at 2:41 p.m. and reconvened at 6:45 p.m.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. tomorrow, May 27th, and further, when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 12 noon on Tuesday, May 31st for morning hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business.

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Small Business Additional Temporary Extension Act of 2011: The House concurred in the Senate amendment to the House amendment to S. 990, to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, by a yea-and-nay vote of 250 yeas to 153 nays, Roll No. 376.

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H. Res. 281, the rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendment, was agreed to by voice vote after the previous question was ordered without objection.

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United States Group of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of the following Member of the House to the United States Group of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly: Representative Larson (CT).

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on pages H3738.

Senate Referrals: S. Con. Res. 13 was referred to the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Veterans Affairs; S. 1082 was held at the desk.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and twenty-two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3722, H3723, H3723–24, H3724, H3724–25, H3725–26, H3726, H3726–27, H3727–28, H3728, H3728–29, H3729–30, H3730, H3730–31, H3731–32, H3732, H3732–33, H3733–34, H3734, H3734–35, H3736–37, H3737, H3745. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Committee Meetings

IMPACT OF UNION PRESSURE ON JOB CREATION

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor and Pensions held a hearing entitled “Corporate Campaigns and the NLRB: The Impact of Union Pressure on Job Creation.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee continued markup on H.R. 908, the Full Implementation of the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFATS) Act. The bill was ordered reported, as amended.

FDIC OVERSIGHT

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing entitled “FDIC Oversight: Examining and Evaluating the Role of the Regulator During the Financial Crisis and Today.” Testimony was heard from Sheila Bair, Chairman, FDIC.

UNLOCKING THE SAFETY ACT’S POTENTIAL TO PROMOTE TECHNOLOGY AND COMBAT TERRORISM

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection and Security Technologies held a hearing entitled “Unlocking the SAFETY Act’s Potential to Promote Technology and Combat Terrorism.” Testimony was heard from Paul Benda, Acting Deputy Under Secretary, Science and Technology Directorate, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

INSPECTOR GENERAL AUDIT OF THE HOUSE’S F.Y. 2009 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Committee on House Administration: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on Inspector General Audit of the House’s F.Y. 2009 Financial Statements. Testimony was heard from Dan Strodel, Chief Administrative Officer, United States House of Representatives; and Theresa Grafenstine, Inspector General, United States House of Representatives.

AT&T AND T-MOBILE MERGER

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, Competition and the Internet held a hearing entitled “How Will the Proposed Merger Between AT&T and T-Mobile Affect Wireless Telecommunications Competition?” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs held a hearing on H.R. 1408, to provide for the settlement of certain claims under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, and for other purposes. Testimony was heard from Harris Sherman, Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment, Department of Agriculture; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE SYSTEM’S OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs held a hearing on “Buying More Land When We Can’t Maintain What We Already Own: The National Wildlife Refuge System’s Operations and Maintenance Backlog Story!” Testimony was heard from James W. Kurth, Acting Assistant Director, National Wildlife Refuge, Fish and Wildlife Service; Dan Forster, Director, Wildlife Resources Division, Georgia Department of Natural Resources; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL WORKFORCE

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service and Labor Policy held a hearing entitled “Rightsizing the Federal Workforce.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SMALL BUSINESS ADDITIONAL TEMPORARY EXTENSION ACT OF 2011 (SENATE AMENDMENT TO THE HOUSE AMENDMENT ON THE PATRIOT SUNSETS EXTENSION ACT OF 2011)

Committee on Rules: The Committee granted, by voice vote, a rule providing for the consideration of the